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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT AND AMENDMENT "D"

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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 5 as follows:

5. (Currently Amended) A method for producing a preparation possessing antiviral activity comprising substances obtained from cuticular or epicuticular layers external to an epidermis of a plant or plant part, the method comprising:

a) exposing the plant or plant part to a solvent under conditions sufficient to solubilize materials in the cuticular and epicuticular layers of the plant, while leaving cells and tissues internal to the epidermis substantially unaffected; and

b) obtaining a solution or suspension of plant cuticular and epicuticular materials, thereby producing the antiviral preparation, wherein the plant or plant part is selected from the group consisting of apple, tomato, grape, pear, plum and avocado and tomato.